



# Our Union with Christ

God's Great Plan & Purpose for the Church

“It ever remains that the Holy Spirit amply qualifies every vessel that He may choose for the ministry. Do not be afraid that the ardent young evangelist, on fire with love to God and souls, will fail to be used because his grammar is not perfect and he knows only “one thing.” Ah, brethren, the man who knows one thing is the man who will speak in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

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All that is needed is to be a broken vessel that the Spirit of God may use us.”

-- Samuel Ridout,  
The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit





It is the Lord who qualifies each one of us for precisely the thing that He intends to use us for.





“And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”



We must come to know **our participation in His death and resurrection** through the fact of our **union with Christ**. Only then will His powerful resurrection life be lived out through us.







“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ... But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Romans 5: 6, 8**





“The great truth of Romans 5:12-21 is that a representative acted, involving those connected with him.”

-William Newell



# Union with Christ

1 the **SIGNIFICANCE** of it

2 the **PURPOSE** of it

3 the **ENEMIES** of it

4 the **IMPLEMENTATION** of it







1 the **SIGNIFICANCE** of  
it

a) Union with Christ is  
what defines the  
church.





“The Church is most clearly defined as: All those who have been placed in permanent union with Jesus Christ.”

-Chester McCalley





1 the **SIGNIFICANCE** of it

a) Union with Christ is what defines the church.

b) Union with Christ is what Paul was sent to teach the Church.





“To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches

of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.”

-Ephesians 3:8-9



2 the **PURPOSE** of it

We are joined to the person of Christ, in order to be vessels of His righteous life, both right now, and throughout eternity.





2 the **PURPOSE** of  
it...

a) in Christ's present  
earthly ministry







God's present purpose in the Church  
is that the life of Jesus is displayed  
through us as His instruments.



2 the **PURPOSE** of it...

a) in Christ's present  
earthly ministry

b) in Christ's eternal  
earthly rule







We should be vessels of His righteous  
life, both right now, and throughout  
eternity. All to His glory.





3 the **ENEMIES** of it

1. Satan





3 the **ENEMIES** of it

1. Satan

2. Our Flesh





3 the **ENEMIES** of it

1. Satan

2. Our Flesh

3. The World System



4 the  
**IMPLEMENTATION** of  
it

a) Knowing our union with  
Christ







-Miles Stanford (Ground of Growth)

“...too few realize their identification with [the Lord Jesus]. This is mainly due to the fact that the identification truths have long been a neglected teaching in schools, churches, and homes.”



4 the **IMPLEMENTATION**  
of it

a) Knowing our union with  
Christ.

b) Knowing *Him* with whom  
we are united.





“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [comes] from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;”

-Philippians 3:8-10





“My ability is very limited, but I am no more, and  
no

less, than a branch of the Vine. Without the Vine I  
cannot do anything. Connected with the Vine, He  
gives His branches His nature, His victory, His  
love, His power. With Him, more than conqueror.  
Not good if detached.”

Corrie Ten Boom





“For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, death works in us, but life in you.”

2 Corinthians 4: 11-12



“It is an easy  
thing to sing,  
“I all on earth  
forsake.”  
... But God  
sometimes  
teaches one that  
that little word  
“all” is terribly  
comprehensive.”

Hudson Taylor

